

# THE SERVICE of Worship

January 10, 2021  
Epiphany | Baptism of the Lord  
10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON  
established 1870

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

“March of the Kings”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

French Traditional  
Arr. by Michael Barker

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

For the heavens and the earth rejoice.

**And so do we, as we share the good news!**

The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

**The Holy Spirit still leads the wise to him.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN OF THE MAGI | “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*Glory to God 151*

1 ) We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2) Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3) Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

4) Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

5) Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**God, our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light.**

**You have searched for us, and yet we hide from you.**

**You have showered us with divine blessings, and yet we treasure earthly things.**

**You call us beloved children, but we take your favor for granted.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace.**

**Let the mystery of your saving love be revealed to us again.**

**Pour out your mercy upon us, so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.  
They will run and not be weary. They will walk and not grow faint.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, the Messiah born in Bethlehem  
and baptized in the Jordan river, you are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**God's love and light are poured out upon us!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

“Church of the Epiphany”

Pastor David Schaefers

HYMN OF BLESSING | “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Glory to God 475*

1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3) O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.**

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows.**

**He expressed the love of God in word and deed**

**and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.**

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.**

**His life and teaching judged their goodness,  
religious aspirations, and national hopes.**

**Many rejected him and demanded his death.**

**In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself  
the judgement under which everyone stands convicted.**

**God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.**

**The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**"The Kings"**  
Max Bitner, Baritone; Edwin Walker, Organist

Peter Cornelius

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**"When Jesus Came to the Jordan"**  
Edwin Walker, Organist

Michael Burkhardt

